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SUBJECT: WMO CONGRESS: SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN
PARTICIPATION

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1. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN SUSPENSION CITED IN
DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE UNCONVINCING. UN RESOLUTIONS IN
THEMSELVES GENERALLY DO NOT CREATE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND
THEREFORE CANNOT BE THE BASIS FOR SUSPENSION UNDER THE
WMO CONVENTION. MOREOVER, IT IS UNCLEAR HOW SOUTH AFRICAN
POLICIES, ALTHOUGH VIOLATIONS OF THE UN CHARTER, CAN BE
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CONVENTION. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE IT USEFUL AND DESIRABLE

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ITS ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONFERENCES FOR BENEFIT OF ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AS YOU KNOW USG HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED UNCONSTITUTIONAL SUSPENSION OF MEMBER STATES FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON GROUNDS THAT IT CREATES DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, AND IMPAIRS EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA, SUCH ACTION WILL DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO INFLUENCE SAG ATTITUDE ON APARTHEID OR NAMIBIA IN DIRECTIONS PROPOSED BY PROPONENTS OF SUSPENSION. USDEL SHOULD APPROACH EUROPEAN FRIENDS TO JOIN US IN OPPOSING AND VOTING AGAINST RESOLUTION.

2. APART FROM SUSPENSION, WE WOULD ALSO OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS OTHERWISE TO LIMIT RIGHTS OF ANY MEMBER STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION. PLEASE REPORT ANY EVIDENCE THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS MAY BE MADE IN WMO CONGRESS. KISSINGER

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